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BLASTING ON PUBLIC ROAD INDIRECT CAUSE OF DELAY

High Tension Wire on Pitts-
burgh Railway Blown
Down.

VALLEY PEOPLE SUFFER
Cars Held Up at all Points Along
the Line—Other Systems
Were Out.

Owing to the high tension line of the Pittsburgh Railways company being down at Elizabeth yesterday afternoon, a delay in traffic between Charleroi and Pittsburgh, and on the Washington and East side lines was experienced for four hours. The line came down at 1:35 o'clock and at this time all cars except local were forced to stop. As a result many who were going to Pittsburgh in the afternoon were held up and fortunate to get back home. Many who were in Pittsburgh tried to come out, but this alike was impossible.

The high tension wire was blown down by some blasting on the public road. As soon as the trouble was learned telephone messages summoned a crew of repair men from Superintendent Jones' office, in Pittsburgh, and they spent the remainder of that afternoon in getting the line in condition. The repairs were completed, and the cars were able to start up at 5:35 o'clock, making an exact four hours delay.

At Library the power house was affected, and those along the Washington suburban line also. While the high tension line was not along the direct route between Charleroi & Pittsburgh, the wires were the ones that carried the power for this diversion, and many people were unable to understand the delay in the evening papers. They did not arrive until 7:30 o'clock, and the agent, Mr. Might, was forced to put them out after that. After the cars were started, it was not long until the regular schedule was in effect.

One man who had contemplated taking a trip to Pittsburgh yesterday afternoon said that he with a number of others got hung up at Library, about 2 o'clock, and they had to stay there until about 6, not being able to get home until after 2 o'clock, thereby losing a half day.

Improvements Well Under Way. The improvements now being installed at the Catsburg mine are so far along that coal could be run over the new tipples within a couple of weeks if the company was in need of the output. When all completed, Catsburg will be capable of producing a large tonnage of black diamonds every day.

5c Lawns at Berryman's. Tonight and Monday J. W. Berryman and Son will sell all the balance of their big stock of colored lawns and other thin wash goods for 5 cents a yard. Former prices 12 1/2 to 25 cents. The remnant sale continues with a lot of new remnants and other good bargains.

Enjoy Hay Ride. A party of young people of Ellsworth enjoyed a hay ride to this place last evening. They had supper here, and spent the evening in town, returning late at night.

The world's best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305ff

J. E. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

APPROVED METHODS

We study the needs of our customers and are in a position to serve them well. Approved methods which gives system, promptness and efficiency to our service have been installed. Checking accounts invited.

4 Per Cent. Interest Paid on Savings Accounts

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Charleroi, Pa.

Depository for the State of Pennsylvania.

DESMONIA PLACED IN JAIL TO AWAIT A COURT HEARING

Case Placed for Trial During
the Week of Aug.
ust 23.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED

Pasquale Desmonia, the California man, who is charged with having shot and killed two men in a fight at that place on last Tuesday will undergo trial week after next. A true bill was found against him yesterday by the grand jury.

Constable Ansill proved a valuable witness before the grand jury, as did six men who were said to have participated in the drinking fest that ended so fatally. The six men are being held as witnesses. Desmonia was placed in jail yesterday although his wounds were bothering him much.

A true bill was found against Andrew Arovsky, a former banker of Beaufortville, who is charged with embezzlement. There are twelve cases against him.

The charge of assault and battery, robbery and larceny from person against Howard Hall of Charleroi was ignored by the grand jury. Hall was charged with drugging a man by the name of Henry Tarr, and robbing him at this place.

PREPARING FOR RACING EVENTS

Belle Vernon Will this Year
Have Some Interesting
Driving.

PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Horsemen throughout Western Pennsylvania are interested in the announcement that a three days' racing card has been arranged for the Belle Vernon race track, on Aug. 25, 26 and 27. There will be three races each day, the purse for the first being \$300 and for the second and third \$400, with the exception of the first day's making the total purses for each day's racing \$1,100. Already the promoters have been assured to a number of entries, no other races being scheduled for that week.

The races will be under the auspices of the Belle Vernon Driving Park association, a member of the American Trotting association, the rules of which society will govern. J. Elliott Cook is president of the association; William Allen of Fayette City, secretary, and William A. Mitchener, treasurer. Entries close on August 19. Records made on and after Aug. 10 are no bar. Following is the program:

Wednesday, Aug. 25—2:30 trot, purse \$300; 2:30 pace, purse \$300; 2:24 trot, purse \$400.

Thursday, Aug. 26—2:23 pace, purse \$300; 2:24 trot, purse \$400; 2:16 pace, purse \$400.

Friday, Aug. 27—2:19 pace, purse \$300; 2:15 trot, purse \$400; free-for-all pace, purse \$400.

Annual Harvest Home. The farmers of Rostraver township are arranging for their annual Harvest Home picnic to be given at a grove on the Thomas McLain farm, near Smithton on Saturday, August 1. A number of good speakers for the day have been secured, among them being Rev. C. L. E. Cartwright of Pittsburgh.

Outing and Dance.

The social committee of the ladies of the Maccabees of Monessen are arranging for an outing and dance at Eldora Park, Wednesday, August 18. The dancing will be in the afternoon and evening. Advertising matter is being distributed, and a good crowd is expected.

Special today and every day, an English Rock tea pot with one pound of Barger's Tea or Baking powder, 327 Fallowfield avenue. 305ff

COURT MAKES FIRST TEST OF NEW PROBATION LAW IN THIS COUNTY

Judge McIlvaine Grants Petition of John Walker of Canonsburg and Places Prisoner Under Parole.

STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS MADE BY THE COURT

John Walker, who was charged with indecent assault and battery, was discharged yesterday by Judge McIlvaine at Washington on suspended sentence under the provisions of the recent act of assembly known as the adult probation act. This is the first case of the kind in the local courts.

In his application to the court for suspended sentence Walker expressed sorrow for the deed committed and stated that he was much intoxicated at the time. He promised if discharged on probation that he would abstain from intoxicating liquor.

The court directed that during his

probation Walker, who is again to enter the employ of the Standard Tin Plate Co., at Canonsburg, shall from his earnings deposit in the savings department of the Citizens Trust Co., Canonsburg, \$2 every week to the name and credit of David L. Williams, clerk of courts of quarter sessions of Washington county as trustee.

At the end of the year if Walker's conduct shall have proven good he will be entitled to an honorable discharge and his deposit returned to him, but if the court finds that the terms and conditions have been violated, he will be brought back to court and fined \$500.

DONORA MAN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH BEING "PRESIDENT TAFT"

Italian Company
Presents Play

Good Actors Support Antonio
Mariani in "The Blind Woman
of Sorrenti."

"The Blind Woman of Sorrenti," was presented in Italian at the Coyle Theatre last evening by Antonio Mariani, a company of Metropolitan players. The play was well attended, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. Signor Mariani upheld his role with unusual ability and each member of his company ably assisted him. The heart interest of the play was brought out in a thorough manner, and to the Italians of the audience, who understood the words of the speakers, it was an equal of "Ghelito," presented here recently by the same company.

SUNDAY LAST DAY
OF CAMPMEETING
AT ELDORA PARK

Under Auspices of St. James
A. M. E. Church of
Charleroi.

The second Sunday of camp meeting at Eldora Park will be Sunday, and an extra good program has been arranged. The camp meeting is under the auspices of St. James A. M. E. church of Charleroi. There will be services morning, afternoon, and evening. From 10:30 until 11 o'clock there will be preaching and at 1 o'clock until 1:30 there will be a special song service. At 1:30, following special music, Rev. C. P. Herkinton, a noted evangelist will speak. At 4:30 there will be a concert by the Philharmonic Choral Society, which has charge of the music for the occasion. At this time, choruses, quartets, solos etc. will be rendered. Preaching services from 7:30 until 8:30 followed by a special song service.

Cornwall.

John W. Cornwall, 56 years old, of Monessen died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, after an extended illness. The funeral will be Sunday afternoon with interment in the cemetery at Salem, Ohio, his old home. The deceased is survived by his wife and 8 children. He was a well known man, and when in good health occupied a responsible position at the Page mill, Monessen.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Miss Alice Katherine Bruce, the Aliquippa girl who was killed on the railroad Thursday night will be held from the Aliquippa M. E. church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. F. Seiter, the pastor.

LOCAL FIRM GETS LARGE CONTRACT

Riggs and Williams to Drill
70 Wells for Fairmont
Coal Company.

WILL LEAVE NEXT WEEK

The well drilling firm of Riggs and Williams of Charleroi and Monessen have secured a contract for the drilling of 70 wells in Kentucky for the Fairmont Coal company, an affiliated corporation of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company. Messrs. Riggs and Williams expect to leave next week for Kentucky to begin their work.

The Fairmont Coal company recently secured valuable coal lands in Johnson county, Kentucky, and it is the intention to develop this as soon possible.

A large number of families are expected there in the near future. The scene of the operations will be in Mills Creek valley. The wells are to be drilled for the benefit of the families which will move to that section.

The Riggs and Williams firm is composed of M. E. Riggs of Charleroi, and William F. Williams of Monessen.

DIES VICTIM OF HIS OWN HAND

Shepler, Foreigner Succumbs
to Wounds Made by
Revolver Bullet.

John Dzuvinsky, 50, years old, of Shepler, died at the Monessen-Charleroi hospital last evening at about 8 o'clock as the result of a gun shot wound inflicted by himself on Tuesday morning at his home. The man was a well known foreigner.

It was stated that previous to the man's attempt at self destruction he had been melancholy and refused to pay any attention to his family. It is said he had attempted suicide before.

Shortly before he committed the deed, which ended in his death he had a quarrel with his wife, and tried to kill her. He then went to a separate room, and fired a shot into his chin. The bullet entered the brain. It was at first thought that he would recover, but complications set in it is stated and his death was the result.

Joke Ends Disastrously.

A valuable show case at Henning Pharmacy was broken last night through a joke. Several young people were in the store and were preparing to order refreshments. One of the young fellows went to sit down when a girl member of the party pulled the chair out from under him, and he went to the floor his head and shoulders protruding through the glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Bertrand left today for Toledo, Ohio, where they will spend several days.

Mrs. Dawson's Millinery store will be at her old stand at 602 Fallowfield on Augus 16. The quarters are all remodeled and in better shape than before the fire.

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Reconstructed White Sapphire

is a beautiful, clear, scintillating BLUE
WHITE GEM made from particles of
genuine sapphire melted under intense
heat, remelted and cut by hand. This
stone is full diamond cut and possesses
by the genuine diamond. IT WILL
STAND HEAT and like a diamond, need
not be removed from the setting when the
ring goes in the flame. In hardness it
ranks next to the diamond and can be
hammered into a gypsey ring with per-
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LOCAL AGENCIES

George S. Night Charleroi
Lyde Collins, Dunlevy
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Aug. 14 In American History.

1800—Park Benjamin, author and editor, born; died 1864.

1870—Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, Federal naval hero of the civil war, died; born 1801. Farragut had almost reached the retiring age when assigned to the command of a mortar fleet, operating against New Orleans, at the close of 1861.

1901—Destructive storm on the northern coast of the gulf of Mexico; heavy loss of life and damage to property in New Orleans.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:56, rises 5:06; moon rises 4:28 a. m.; moon's age 29 days.

Aug. 15 In American History.

1814—Battle of Fort Erie.

1824—Marquis de Lafayette landed in New York and began his wonderful tour as the guest of the nation.

1838—First Atlantic cable message.

1895—General John D. Imboden, famous Confederate cavalryman, died at Abingdon, Va.; born 1821.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 6:54, rises 5:07; moon sets 7:10 p. m.; 6:46 p. m.; eastern time new moon, with the sun in constellation Cancer; 8 p. m. Jupiter's outer satellites Nos. 1 and 2 in transit across face of planet.

Formaldehyde for Flies.

The London Lancet states that "it is not always possible to trace the origin of illness, but it is easy enough to give valid reasons why the fly can be the introductory agent. Purely medical aspects apart, the fly is not particularly scrupulous as to its environment—it alights at one time on most offensive material and at another it is on the food in the kitchen and at the table. One of the earliest experiments we remember to have seen showing the connection of flies and disease was that in which a common bluebottle was allowed to walk across a piece of freshly sliced potato. The potato subsequently developed colonies of micro-organisms all along the track taken by the fly, while elsewhere no development took place.

"The important question remains how best to get rid of the fly. Fly papers and sticky strings are unsightly, and the struggle of a fly to release itself from a sticky substance is not an entertaining spectacle. In our own experience the best exterminating agent is a weak solution of weak formaldehyde in water (say two teaspoonfuls to the pint), and this experience has been confirmed by others. It would appear that flies are attracted by a weak solution of formaldehyde, which they drink. Some die in the water, others get as far only as the immediate vicinity of the plate of water, but all ultimately succumb; and where they occur in large numbers hundreds may be swept up from the floor."

It is consoling to know that by this method the flies have died under a dose of fluid which is fatal to disease organisms, a fluid also which is inoffensive and for practical purposes non-poisonous. The method at once provides a means of diminishing the

scourge and of securing to some extent what is most desirable, the disinfection of the slain."

A Prize For Brevity.

"At Yale," replied President Hadley to a visiting clergyman who asked how long it was the custom to preach, "there is a fixed belief that no conversions are made after the first half hour," says the New York World.

It is a good thing to know when to stop talking, either in the pulpit or on the platform. It is easier to bore than to please, as most audiences will testify. The wonder is that so many public speakers are so slow of observation. A good rule might be that long winded orators who delight in their own voice should be condemned to sit at one another's feet and endure the physical trials they inflict upon others. Perhaps then they would learn to practise self-restraint as an act of mercy. Brevity is rarer than wit, for the professional humorist in public is likely to be tempted to length by applause.

The Rev. J. M. Williams of Pine Village, Ind., is evidently a clear-headed, well-balanced man. For reasons evident to himself he made his sermons short and to the point. He also grew in favor with his congregation. A weaker nature might have presumed upon this popularity and extended sermons ten or twenty minutes on Sundays. But he kept his head. Because people like a good thing does not mean that they want too much of it. Now what is the result? A discerning member of the Rev. Mr. William's church presented him with a 60-acre farm in recognition of his abstemiousness of speech after four years of flattering success.

In the light of Pine Valley's experience, why not amend the prevailing practice and effort the rewards of merit to the clever writer or speaker according to the fewness of the words he employs rather than the number? When a dollar a word is held up as the pay of a public character not unspared of speech, the young and the struggling are lured into mistaking violence for force and quantity for quality. What is needed is more Rev. Mr. Williamses, and may they inherit the farns of the earth!

Electric Sparks

Roosevelt is not giving his hunting experiences right off the reel like we were lead to believe he would. Possibly because he is too busy shooting hippopotami.

No aeroplane records were broken yesterday, strange to say.

It's easy to be cute. All you have to say is "Oh you Kid," or show your ability to wink in a different way from anybody else.

Harry Thaw after carefully weighing the evidence, was finally convinced that he was sane. Possibly now that other people have found him to be crazy as a loon, he will have to alter his opinion.

Occasionally Greene County has some excitement. The other day they had a murder. Then not so very long ago some coal land was sold there.

The Washington negro who escaped the police and about half a thousand persons, to be captured by an evangelist doubtless felt that he was getting on the wrong side of religion.

A Midland officer is charged with having accepted a bribe. Huh! that's nothing. Ordinary people do that nearly every day.

A Boston pastor, who is the father of quadruplets has been requested to resign his charge. British East Africa papers please copy.

Misunderstandings as to the probabilities of a ball game oftentimes causes more trouble than a primary election.

Occasionally a man that wants to be called a gentleman gets in wrong, and the result is that he is called almost everything else.

A head line says—"Use of Brains." Now what do you suppose any person would want with brains.

Arranging For Picnic.

Donora merchants are arranging for a picnic and outing to be given at Rock Point Park on next Wednesday. Among the other features of the day will be a number of athletic events.

THE NEW GAME LAWS

"Many changes were made in the Pennsylvania game laws at the late session of the state legislature. The principal one that affects Washington and Greene counties is the one relating to the capture of rabbits. For the past few years the open season has been October 16, but under the new law it will not open until November 1, and run until December 15. The season closed December 1 under the old law. There has never been a limit as to the number of rabbits that may be killed in one day until this year and the law fixes the number at ten with a fine of \$10 for every rabbit killed above that number. It will be legal to kill pheasants from October 15 until December 1, a change from October 1. Not more than five may be killed in one day. The open season on squirrel which has been October 1, has been moved up to October 15 and the number is limited to six in one day. The pine or red squirrel is not protected and may be killed when injury is being done to cultivated crops or trees by the owners of such property and it further provides that game so killed shall not be used for food or for sale, or a fine of \$1 for each rabbit so disposed of shall be inflicted. Sunday hunting is prohibited.

The law that is probably the most frequently violated in Washington and Greene counties is that relating to squirrels. Even as early as the first of July squirrel hunting is carried on quietly and on a trip over the country roads at this time of year one is most sure to hear the crack of a rifle number of times and occasionally a shotgun. Of course the hunters are only out looking for groundhogs or ground squirrels, but it is nearly always the pelt of a gray squirrel that is carefully buried in the garden.

Section 27 says: "No person with in this commonwealth shall hunt or catch or kill or cause or permit the hunting of hare or rabbits with or through the use of a ferret, under the penalty of \$25 for each ferret, so used and \$25 for each hare or rabbit so taken through the use of or by the aid of a ferret. And the fact that any person shall place a ferret in any hole or opening in the ground outside of building in which a rabbit might be found, or shall be caught in the act of using a ferret in the taking of hare or rabbits, or shall have a ferret in possession or under control in either the fields of the forests or in the highway of this commonwealth, or shall be proven to have used a ferret while hunting, or shall while going hunting or while returning from such a hunt have a ferret either in possession or under control, shall render such person liable to the penalty of \$25 for each ferret had in possession or under control at that time. Any ferret found in the possession or under control of a person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be forfeited to the commonwealth and shall be immediately killed by the officer in to whose hands such animal may come."

ANSWERS EVERY CALL.

Charleroi People Have Found That This is True.

A cold, a strain, a sudden wrench. A little cause may hurt the kidneys.

Spells of backache often follow. Or some irregularity of the urine. A certain remedy for such attacks, A medicine that answers every call, Is Doan's Kidney Pills, a true specific.

Thousands of people rely upon it. Here is one case:

M. V. Douglass, retired, 23 W. College St., Canonsburg, Pa., says: "It is a pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, a true specific.

This remedy was used in my family recently with excellent results, acting quickly and giving prompt relief.

I strongly advise anyone suffering from any symptoms of kidney trouble to use Doan's Kidney Pills." For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Getting Ready for a Big Thing

The New York Sunday World is preparing to give each week Six Studio Sketches of Stage Beauties. These pictures are by Archie Gunn, the famous painter of stage people. The first set of six, panel photo size, in bright colors, will be given Sunday, August 22. Next Sunday, August 15 the words and music of "Red Domino" will be given. This two step song is by S. R. Henry, author of the famous Barn Dance, "Down at the Huskin' Bee."

Mrs. Dawson's Millinery store will re-open at 602 Fallowfield Avenue on August 16.

STEALING IN STORES

The Ingenuity That Is Shown by the Woman Thief.

TRICKS OF THE SHOPLIFTER.

The Satchel With a False Bottom and the Slit in the Dress Near the Belt. Some Schemes Successful Because of Their Very Simplicity.

As numerous as they are ingenious are the tricks of the modern shoplifter, declare store detectives. It keeps the detectives busy to "get on" to the devices of the men and women who live by their wits in stealing from stores. For tricks that are easy for classes of criminals, it is said, approach them.

The method of stealing by using the satchel with a false bottom is one of the cleverest of the tricks.

Well disguised, the shoplifter enters a store. Her eyes run over the counters. She perceives the object she wants—usually something small and valuable, sometimes a purse a customer has left lying on the counter.

Over the object the shoplifter places her satchel. Pretending to delay into the satchel to extract a purse or handkerchief, the thief lifts a false bottom in the bag, reaches under it, draws inside the desired article, adjusts the false bottom, closes the satchel and walks away.

"But this is only one of many clever ruses employed," declared a detective, the other day. "The women especially are ingenious. Their dress, of course, helps them.

"One of the methods of stealing is for the shoplifter to have a slit in her dress near the belt. As she stands near the counter she can deftly seize the article desired, be it a piece of lace or costly fabric or a bit of jewelry, and slip it into the skirt. The folds of the skirt are voluminous and conceal the thing stolen.

"Some tricks are successful because of their simplicity. A fashionably dressed woman may walk into the clothing department, look over coat suits, pick up one, fold it neatly up, place it under her coat and walk away.

"If she is detected she will indignantly declare that she bought the suit some time before and that she has brought it back to be altered.

"Or a woman, her hands glittering with rings and dressed in the latest style, may walk into the store some winter day. She wears only a rich coat of dark fabric.

"In the coat department she will ask to see some fur lined coats. Oh, she is very particular and tries on one after another. Other customers come up, and the saleslady gets busy with them while madam is trying to suit herself.

"While the saleslady is turned she puts on one of the richest sable trimmed coats, turns on her heel and walks away. Perhaps the salesgirl may not notice the loss until there is an account of stock.

"Each month from fifty to sixty articles are made in the average large department store. The detectives must be extremely careful, for a false charge would precipitate a suit for damages, which would mean many thousands.

"Certain departments hold special lures for shoplifters. The jewelry department is invariably guarded. When the furs come in we have steuris who likes to their eyes open for the woman who likes to take a fur to the window to examine it, then running for the door; the woman with the false skirt and the woman who puts a fur on and audaciously walks away."

Although the sales departments and the detective departments work together, there exists between them a spirit of justifiable rivalry. If a detective perceives some one getting away with goods it casts discredit on the person behind the counter from which the goods were stolen. Therefore the sales folk keep an alert watch for shoplifters.

One might imagine that goods are dumped pell-mell on the counters of the big stores. As a matter of fact, the efficient saleslady will have everything so arranged that she will notice the disappearance of an article almost immediately.

If a saleswoman suspects a person she immediately notifies the head detective. If it is a woman, a woman detective is usually put on the job. It is said store managers usually find women more efficient than men.

Few arrests are ever made in the stores, as an arrest gives only undesirable publicity. The detective usually follows suspected persons from the store and arrests him or her outside.

It is said that arrests for shoplifting in New York exceed 3,000 a year. In that city a full description of all shoplifters caught are sent to the Retail Dry Goods association, which in turn distributes the information to the various members.

Only by concerted action and with highly organized staffs of detectives can the stores cope with the ingenious shoplifters.

The detective system of the big stores, however, is now so perfect that it is dangerous to attempt shoplifting. Even the cleverest shoplifter faces a long jail term in the pursuit of her nefarious work.

More than that, if a shoplifter for any reason should escape paying the penalty of crime in one city, she may not be so fortunate in another. Descriptions of all suspected persons are sent out broadcast, and arrest in another city may mean a jail term, even though the thief may have escaped punishment previously.—Philadelphia Post.

Do You Eat?

Well then, here is a feast of Special Prices for Saturday

Fresh Country Butter	27c lb
Country Eggs	27c doz
Round Steak	18c lb
Tenderloin Steak	20c lb
Sirloin Steak	20c lb
Chuck Roast	2 lbs. for 25c
Best Roast	15c lb
Pork Chops	18c lb
Pork Shoulder	15c lb
Veal Chops	18c lb

HIS LESSON.

It Taught Him Just What the Girl Wanted Him to Know.

By ROBERT A. KNOWLES.
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They sat upon the veranda side by side, gazing silently into the soft May moonlight. The air had the haunting sweetness that comes at evening from growing things in their freshness. It was still and dreamily peaceful, a time to soothe human restlessness and human pain.

But it did not soothe Jane. She had been sitting there so quietly all evening that it seemed to her she must jump from the chair, screaming at the top of her voice, in another minute. Under the light shawl she wore she twisted her hands together in an effort to control herself. Yet she continued to stare out at the moonlight as if to hold it were the one thing worth living for.

Rodney was staring out at the moonlight, too, and enjoying it. He liked the stillness; he liked being able to keep silence; he liked to be sitting there beside Jane.

If Rodney had loved her, Jane thought bitterly, he would at least have held her hand. But he did not love her; he only liked her because he had always known her and because she was the one girl with whom he could be perfectly natural. If he wished to be silent with her he was silent; he did not feel it necessary to make the effort to talk. Yet Jane felt sometimes that his dumbness was unendurable. If only he would speak. Evening after evening he came to sit with her in the same way.

Jane had always had hope until tonight. A man who could sit beside a girl—a fairly pretty girl, too—on such a night and not make love to her was certainly as near being without a heart as man could be.

Jane gave him up. And in giving him up she gave up also many of the dreams and of her longings, her youth. Slowly her eyes filled with tears. Slowly she forced back the tears and swallowed the choking lump in her throat. But she could not keep back one racking sobs, and Rodney heard it. He rose instantly, reminded of the hour and apparently of the hour.

"I must go," he said, looking for his hat.

Jane rose, too, with apparent calm. He looked forth at the moonlight again, not at her, wistfully.

"It is wonderful," he said. "Moonlight like that always makes me forget myself. Good night, Jane."

"Good-bye," Jane answered strangely, but he seemed not to notice.

Her father stood before the lamp reading a letter as she entered the house.

He looked up at her over his glasses. "Rodney gone?" he asked.

"Yes," Jane's tone was tense.

"Anything the matter?" he inquired anxiously.

She shook her head, with a hard little laugh.

"Nothing at all," she said.

"This letter is from your Aunt Jane," he said. "She wants us to come to see her. It has been nine years since she was here—the same year your mother died. I've never been to see her since she went to Boston to live. But I am going now—we're going. Jane, what's to hinder us from going tomorrow?"

"Tomorrow?" Jane gasped. And to Boston! She turned pale with the suddenness of it all.

By noon next day they had gone, bag and baggage. And that evening when Rodney came walking up in the moonlight he found unlighted windows and a locked door. He sat down upon the steps and waited. How strange it was! Jane had not told him she was going away. He sat there wondering until Mrs. Clancy, who lived next door, came trundling her baby post on her way home.

"That you, Rod?" she called in her sweet Irish voice.

"Yes, Mrs. Clancy. Where are the folks that belong here?"

"Why, don't you know? Hush, Tedy, white mamma talks to the gentleman. They've gone to Boston—left at noon today. I can't tell you how long they intend to be gone."

To Boston! And without saying a word to him! Rodney could not speak, and after Mrs. Clancy had waited a moment for him to do so she went on with her baby, leaving him to figure it out by himself.

Jane did not write to him from Boston, and he did not write to her because he did not know her address. And he would not ask for it from any one of the girls to whom he knew she was writing. But he heard things about her—how she was going about with her fashionable aunt, buying new clothes made and enjoying herself generally.

The hot summer dragged on slowly. Rodney grew thin and looked pale. He was working too hard, they said.

"Cut it out, Rod," they told him cheerfully. "You've got money enough and are making more. Why do you want to kill yourself?"

Rodney smiled pathetically and kept on working.

One day Edna Travers told him that she had just received Jane's picture and she looked "dandy." Jane had also written to say she "had three strings to her bow."

After that Rodney literally drooped. He began to walk past the house and as he grew more desperate, to sit upon the veranda in the chair where he had spent so many silent hours. Jane's lit chair was beside him, and he liked to keep his hand upon it, rocking it.

gently, while he thought of her. Sometimes he fell asleep sitting there, for it was hot weather, and night always found him tired.

One night in August he came to the house late, as usual. It was still closed, dark, forbidding. But the memory of dear associations haunted it. He stole up on the veranda behind the screening vines and sat down, with his hand on the arm of Jane's little chair. When was she coming home? And would she come home free? It was most unlikely. Even though she had been sweet to him always it was evident that she had not cared for him. But if she had cared for him—Rodney, the practical, the sentimental, fell a-dreaming. Presently from the day dream he passed into an actual one of restless slumber. He dreamed that Jane sat in her own chair beside him in her white gown. And waking suddenly, with a mighty start, he found that she did!

For a moment he stared at her as at a ghost. Then her soft laugh and her voice set his senses tingling.

"Still asleep, Rod?" she asked.

"Jane," he said and leaned toward her, trying to find her hand—"Jane, is it really you?"

"Really and truly, Rod! When did you fall into the habit of sleeping on my veranda, sir?"

"Jane!"

"Answer my question, Rodney Holdsworth!"

"Answer my question first, dear. Do you know what has happened to me while you have been away?"

She shook her head, put her face close to his and told him that she did. "Did you leave anybody in Boston that you like better than you do me?" Rodney asked, very humbly.

"No one, Rod."

"Then"—he dropped her hand, which he had been clinging to in a kind of desperation, and took her in his arms—"you are still mine," he sighed.

"I guess it did you good to sit alone here all these evenings," Jane said presently when she had been kissed to her heart's content.

"It taught me to love and appreciate you, dearest," Rodney said solemnly, holding her fast.

Why Lightning Rods Are Pointed. The reason a lightning rod has a sharp point is because a fine point offers no resistance to the discharge of electricity and in order that a cloud may be emptied of it noiselessly and harmlessly. The degree of resistance is in proportion to the surface of the object. If the rod were surmounted by a knot, for instance, the discharge would be violent. But many lightning rods have received an electrical discharge when the people in the building below were calmly unconscious of the face. Noncorrosive metal is used for the point of the rod, as corrosion makes resistance. The difference between a point and a ball is shown in discharging a battery. The full charge from a large battery would be received quietly on a metal point, while a moderate charge from a small one would explode violently on a ball. It is said that a full charge may be passed harmlessly through a person's body if received on the point of a needle, where the same charge received on a die harder, with a ball or knob on the end, would mean instant death.

A Girl's Way. It was a sweltering summer afternoon. Algernon sat in the banuock and Claire occupied a wicker chair. She was very pretty, and Algernon was hopelessly in love with her. He was almost in despair as he sat looking at her, playing with his heart, and knew it.

"Oh, Claire!" he pleaded. "Why are you so cold?"

"I am not, Algier," she protested.

"You are, Claire," he insisted.

"And I say just as positively that I am not."

"Claire, Claire!" he cried. "How can you say that when you know you have treated me like—"

"Oh," she interrupted, fanning herself lazily meanwhile. "I thought you were talking about the weather, Algier."—Lippincott's.

Servants' Accomplishments. A Brussels merchant advertised for a servant. One applicant pleased him. The terms and outings were arranged when the girl asked, "Who washes the dishes?" Taken aback, the merchant asked her to repeat her question. The girl did so without turning a hair.

"Madame washes the dishes, and I dry them," replied the merchant. "Can you play the piano?" he asked.

"No," was the reply.

"Then I am afraid you will not suit," said the merchant. The girl retorted with a dignified air. "With a politeness which is described as exquisite she turned to the merchant and said, "Tomorrow I shall take lessons at the conservatory, and as soon as I begin to make progress I will call again!" This story is certified as authentic.—*Throne and Country*.

Their Size.

Lawyer (to deaf witness)—Do you know the plaintiff's pigs?

Witness—Eh?

Lawyer (raising his voice)—Do you know—plaintiff's pigs?

Witness—Yes.

Lawyer—How long have you known them?

Witness—Eh?

Lawyer (loudly still)—How long have you known them?

Witness—Fed 'em all last spring.

Lawyer—Were they all about a size?

Witness—Eh?

Lawyer (rises on his feet petulantly and shakes his forefinger at the conclusion of each word at the witness)—Were they—all—of—a-size?

Witness—Some of 'em woe, and some of 'em worn—Exchange.

MR. BAXTER'S ROBBER

By EDMUND COMPTON.
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Mr. Benjamin Baxter never forgot that in college he had been the right (football) tackle of his time and had pulled stroke out in the first university race in which his college had beaten after a long series of defeats. When as a middle aged man with a bald head and somewhat pursy stomach, visited Europe he maintained that if any sneak thief, robber or bandit could get away with him he was welcome to do so. This did not satisfy Mrs. Baxter, who dreaded that, in Italy especially, her husband might be kidnapped and held for a ransom.

Mr. Baxter had heard that one of the principal sights of Rome was a visit to the Coliseum by moonlight. One evening while in the Eternal City, when the queen of night was at the full, he proposed to his wife that they go and view the ruin thus illuminated.

Mrs. George D. Clark of Fifth street is visiting friends in East Liverpool, Ohio this week.

FIVE NAMES FILED FOR CONTROLLER

When the time expired for the filing of papers of the candidates for the office of controller at midnight, there were five names in the hands of Chairman R. G. Miller. These were John H. Moffitt of Charleroi, John C. Morgan of Canonsburg, Charles S. Ritchie of Washington, Orion G. Frazier of Donora and B. E. McCracken of Washington. The county committee will meet on Monday when the nomination will be made.

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DESPOTS IN THE LAND.

Some Samples of Absolute Rule in the Household.

Americans like to boast of free speech, free press and free everything, while they look with pity on the down-trodden and oppressed individuals who are the subjects of sultan or czar, but they surely must know that right here in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" we have absolute monarchies ruled by despots.

The good tempered man who must humor every whim of an unreasonable woman knows nothing about a happy home life. It is impossible to love a woman who must be obeyed absolutely, though many wives complacently point to the devotion of their adoring husbands just because those husbands allow them to have their own way in everything.

But there is just as much unhappiness in the home where the husband is the tyrant as where the wife rules. Out in the world some men pass for good citizens and devoted fathers and husbands, but the home folks could tell a different story. There are women living in luxury who never have a penny to call their own and who have to resort to all sorts of trickery to obtain things they want. It isn't enough that a woman has plenty to eat and fine clothes to wear, no matter what some husbands think on the subject. And it isn't only money that makes domestic happiness. Some husbands are so made up that they cannot be easy unless they "manage" every detail of the housekeeping and make everything conform to their pleasure. Entertaining, church work, housecleaning, dozens of feminine occupations, have to be carried on by stealth in many homes simply because the husband and father acts like a three-year-old.

The prophet of old pronounced a woe upon the nation whose ruler was a child, but if he lived in these days.

childish despots would be too numerous to attract special attention, most likely. Of course parents are to blame, but no one could possibly like the pert, saucy children who make slaves of their fathers and mothers. The forward, uppish children lay down the law as calmly as any monarch issues decrees. The mother who does without clothes to gorgeously attire her daughter is heaping up trouble for herself as sure as anything.

Sometimes the tyrant is a rich relative whom the whole family must obey to keep in a good humor.

There are people who are such slaves to the demands of society that they do not have enough to eat in order to spend the money on dress and entertaining, and if they do not lead a life of slavery then no one does. To be ruled by what people will say is another form of servitude, says an exchange, and yet in some homes that is the only recognized law.

DIET FOR THE FAT.

Sugar and Starchy Foods to Be Avoided—Juicy Vegetables and Water.

It is popularly believed that all fat persons are gross feeders, but this is not true. Indeed, the reverse is often the case. Obesity may be a disease, or, rather, a prominent symptom of one, the trouble being with the internal chemistry of nutrition—a disease of metabolism, as it is called. It is comparable to diabetes—nearly related to it, in fact. In this disease sugar is formed in excess in the system even when very little is taken with the food, and so in obesity there is a tendency to the formation of fat in the body, even if little fat forming food is eaten. In most cases much can be done by a regulation of the diet.

The amount of meat should not be increased, but the quantity of sugar and starchy foods should be reduced, their place being taken by nonstarchy vegetables, such as spinach, cauliflower and salads. The foods to be avoided or taken in great moderation are those which contain much starch, such as rice and potatoes and all sweets—pies, puddings and candy. Tea and coffee should be taken without sugar if taken at all, and chocolate should be omitted entirely.

Bread is fattening, but for most persons it seems an indispensable article of diet. Its amount can, however, be limited, and it should be toasted.

Fats are less harmful than sugar and starch and may be allowed in moderation in the form of butter and salad oil.

The belief that the drinking of water makes fat is erroneous. If one eats juicy vegetables and especially the less sweet fruits, such as apples and grapefruit, and abandons the use of sugar, there will be a natural reduction in the amount of water taken, but one should drink all that is needed to quench thirst.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Christian.

Bible school 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45 p. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The sermon subjects will be: "Why have the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day?" evening "The Rock of Ages."

Baptist.

Sunday school 9:45. On account of the death of Mrs. Kerr, Rev. Kerr has asked Rev. J. H. Palmer to occupy the pulpit of the Washington avenue church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. so there will be no preaching in the Baptist church, but all who usually attend the services are invited to the Washington avenue church. J. H. Palmer, pastor.

Methodist.

Sunday school 9:30. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. C. Burnsworth of Sharpsburg. Junior League at 2 p. m. Men's League at 3 p. m.; Evening League 6:45 p. m. No evening preaching service.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. C. Burnsworth of Sharpsburg. Junior League at 2 p. m. Men's League at 3 p. m.; Evening League 6:45 p. m. Rev. S. S. Gilson, of Pittsburg will speak.

Washington Ave. Presbyterian

Rev. J. H. Palmer pastor of the Baptist church will have charge of the services. Other services as usual.

In Many Races.

Wylie Michaels of Monessen, who took first prize in the 100 yard dash in the Pittsburg Press meet is booked to run in many races. Among these are races at West View Park, Forbes Field, Pittsburg, and Madison Square Garden, New York.

Monessen Wins Prize.

The Monessen and North Charleroi fire departments have returned from Beaver Falls where they attended the firemen's convention which has been in session during the past few days. Monessen won a coveted honor when they took the prize from the Rochester department in a water battle.

If you start a Bank Account, today, it is here to grow.

FOR RENT

Berryman's
CHARLEROI'S FINEST

THE REMNANT SALE Will be Continued SATURDAY AND MONDAY

This is the greatest of all Remnant Sales. Early Thursday morning the crowd started to come and the business we have done has by far exceeded anything this store has had in the past. To accommodate this great business and to let everybody get their share of the big bargains we will continue the sale Saturday and Monday. Don't miss it. Even if you came the first day—Come again for there will be lots of new bargains and big bargains for every one.

Intensely Cold-Frigid Facts
Do You Know all About
ARCTIC ICE

1. It is Pure as Morning Dew.
WHY?
Because it's Made of Doubly Filtered Water.

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STAR THEATRE

PICTURES

1. LOCHNWAR—The Famous Scotch Legend Story.
2. THE SMOKER'S EDICT—A Historical "Dutch" Picture.

3. THE MENDED LUTE—An Indian Romance.

SONG

"The Old Homestead"

A Very Touching and Sweet Song

NOTICE

Look for a Sensation in this Space Monday

LOCAL NOTES

Brief Mention of People and Events in this Community.

Miss Mame Wilkes of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner of McKean avenue.

Rev. H. W. Vincent of the Baptist church of Homestead returned home this morning, after a few days spent with Rev. G. G. Kerr.

Willis Moore left this morning for Hamilton, Canada, and other points where he will spend several days.

Misses Helen Loomis and Bethel Bowman returned last evening from a visit at Atwater, Ohio, with friends.

J. H. Bowers is transacting business today in Pittsburgh.

Dale J. Iliffe has returned from Atlantic City where he spent two weeks.

Misses Lenore and Gertrude Miksch left this morning for Monaca, where they will be the guests of Miss Marie Bechtel for two weeks.

George Kapluh, 8 months old child of Mr. and Mrs. John Kapluh died at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Funeral at 2 o'clock Sunday at the Russian Orthodox church. Interment in the Charleroi cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Greenberg have returned from Cambridge Springs where they spent several days.

Mrs. R. L. Hornell and daughter, Jennie left today to visit the former's son in Ashtabula, Ohio. They will also visit relatives near Alliance, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pahl and son Charles leave tomorrow for Parkersburg, W. Va., to spend their vacation.

Rev. A. M. Doak, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church will on Sunday morning exchange pulpits with Rev. J. C. Burnsworth of Sharpsburg. Rev. Burnsworth was a former pastor of the charleroi church, and has many friends here.

Mrs. L. W. Shey of Fallowfield avenue left yesterday for Cambridge Springs, where she will join a party of Pittsburg friends at the Hotel Rider, to spend a few days.

Miss Rebecca Cameron of Knoxville after a several days visit in Charleroi at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Grill left this morning for her home.

Miss Florence Grill left this morning for a visit with friends at Knoxville, and Enon Valley, near New Castle.

Miss Elsie Grill has returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends at New Castle and Elwood City.

B. H. Crawford went to McKees Rocks this morning to spend Sunday with his brother.

Classified Ads

WANTED

FOR RENT—Eight room house, Washington avenue, between First and Second streets. Inquire of G. W. Lumsden. 3102p

WANTED—Experienced press feeder for job and cylinder presses. Address News, Monessen, Pa. 307cf

WANTED—English speaking foreign girl for chamber work; also experienced American waitress. Fifth Avenue Hotel, Monessen. 308tf

WANTED—Saleslady for suit and cloak department. Must be experienced. Also girls to learn millinery trade. Inquire Max Janavitz, 431 Shoemaker avenue, Monessen. 3102t

WANTED—One or two ladies to room and board in private family, near school. Apply 325 Crest avenue. 3112p

WANTED—Any lady can easily make from \$18.00 to \$25.00 per week working for me quietly in her own home locality. This is a bona fide offer—one which will pay you to investigate, even if you can only spare two hours per day. No investment required. Turn your spare time into money. Write me at once for particulars. Address Harriet M. Richards, Box 30, Woman's Building, Joliet, Illinois. 3111p

FOUND

FOUND—Pocket book containing money, in front of Adolph's shoe store. Owner can get the pocketbook at the store or proving property and paying for this advertisement. 305tf

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Nice airy six room flat with bath and pantry. Charleroi Real Estate Agency company, First National Bank Building. 308tf

Mowing Down Shoe Prices

There is only one way to clean up stock, and that is to forget COST and lose sight of value. That our method is correct has been demonstrated by making this Shoe Store the busiest place in the city.



Men's and Ladies' 50c

Slippers 29c

Odd lot of about 100 pairs 50c baby soft sole shoes, broken lines, all colors and sizes in lot, some soiled from being handled, choice, pair

19c

98c for Boys' \$1.50 and \$2.00 Shoes

Army style shoes. We challenge anybody in Charleroi to produce a shoe for 98c the equal in style, fit and wear of this shoe. Made of selected calf leathers, neat toe shape, blucher style, guaranteed solid leather counters, heels and inner-soles; as a hard wear resistor this shoe will be appreciated by mothers who have about given up trying to get a serviceable shoe for boys at a reasonable price. All sizes, at \$1.29 and

.98c

Our clearance of Ladies' Oxfords is making this store the talk of the town. Such price-cutting on good clean merchandise has never been heard of before. And you wouldn't wonder when you see the tremendous values we are offering. All the season's best styles in the newest and best leathers—good choice of sizes and widths in nearly every style at..... \$1.00, \$1.18 and \$1.85



Sample Shoe Store,
502 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, Pa.

Woman's World

LEADER IN PRACTICAL WORK.

Mrs. Victoria Woodhull Martin Starts Woman's Agricultural College.

Mrs. Victoria Woodhull Martin, an American and the first woman to be nominated for the presidency of the United States, is now setting the women of England an example in the practical methods by which the battle of their sex for more rights may be won. Not only is she employing part of her great wealth in agitation and in advancing the campaign which enlists the energy of the gentler sex in John Bull's realm to an extent not understood in the United States, but, assisted by her daughter, Miss Zilla Matt Woodhull, she is turning the English village in which she lives into a Utopia. Forty years ago the name of Victoria Woodhull was well known in the United States. Her owner was one of the group of American women who first stirred agitation against the laws that deprived their sex of an adequate part in discharging the affairs of the nation. After a varied career both in this country and in England Mrs. Woodhull married John Ridolph Martin, an English banker of enormous wealth. At Mr. Martin's death Mrs. Martin and her daughter by a former marriage, Zilla Woodhull, came into possession of Bredon's Norton, the Martin estate. They found it, like many other English agricultural villages, in a most dilapidated condition. The village school was mismanaged in the old, inefficient style, and the villagers were as much cut off from communication with the outside world as though they had been in the center of an African continent. The farmhouses on the estate were in the neglected and semi-ruined condition that is to be found in many a village in England.

The two American women at once saw the need of attracting a better class of cultivators of the soil, and immediately they began devoting their wealth and energy to the proposition. The handsome old manor house, situated at the foot of the hill at Norton Park, was restored and turned into a women's agricultural college. Competent teachers were put in charge, and already the class of women studying agriculture there has grown to the number of fifty.

The estate has been partitioned off into small lots, ranging in size from five to twenty acres. These will be allotted according to merit, the more thrifty and skilled getting the bigger farms, the others being given to those who have not qualified for the bigger tract. Preference, of course, will be given to the pupils of the school.

PERFECT IN QUALITY

CHRISTIAN'S
MATCHLESS
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"MODERATE IN PRICE"

The Charleroi Progressive Cooperative Association, Distributors

The Volume of Our Business

has multiplied five and half times in 6 years. Our receipts for July 1903 were \$900.37. Our receipts last month were \$5,265.00 or five and half times larger. During the same period our membership has increased from 26 to 468 members. Our capital has grown from a few hundred dollars to over \$700,000. We have saved thousands of dollars to the citizens of Charleroi on the price of their goods. Our association has stood as a barrier between the people and high prices. We paid in dividend to our members during the last 5 years \$11,484.55. Can any private business show such result. Co-operation alone has in its power to accomplish such wonder. If you are not a co-operator become one and save for yourself the profits you are now creating for others.

The Co-Operative Store

An interesting thing about the school is its club feature. Tired women from London may run down and spend a few days in the old country house. They never need to lose touch with the remainder of the world, for the telephone connects them with their London interests.

The library is one of the largest and best selected in England, and virtually every magazine published in the English tongue is to be found there. Music is furnished, and the whole tone of the place is a mingling of the artistic and cultivating with the practical and money winning.

"Auction Bridge." Is "bridge" doomed? The devotees of its new rival, "auction" or "auction bridge," claim that it is and that it has already outstayed its welcome.

The new game is exciting an enthusiasm in clubs and card circles far greater than attended the introduction of the parent game. The distinction of having originated "auction" is claimed by the Bath club of London, but this claim is disputed in favor of Siberia, a Russian game, practically identical with the new diversion. Another claim is that it is an adaptation of auction pitch, a favorite card game of the fifties.

Not So Easy as It Looks. Sit on the ground with your legs crossed under you, fold your arms and get up without unfolding them. Place the tips of your forefingers together and press them against your chest, then ask anybody to pull them apart by pulling your wrists. So long as you keep your fingers touching your chest they cannot do it.

Stand sideways close to the wall with your arm raised flat against the wall and the rest of your side touching the wall. Then try to raise the leg on the other side without falling over.

Hold up your hand and try to bend each finger separately, leaving the others straight. You will find that when you bend the third finger the fourth, or little finger, will bend with it, or if you bend the fourth the third will bend also.

THE CHARLEROI MAIL

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One Cent

BLASTING ON PUBLIC ROAD INDIRECT CAUSE OF DELAY

High Tension Wire on Pitts-
burg Railway Blown
Down.

VALLEY PEOPLE SUFFER

Cars Held Up at all Points Along
the Line—Other Systems
Were Out.

Owing to the high tension line of the Pittsburg Railways company being down at Elizabeth yesterday afternoon, a delay in traffic between Charleroi and Pittsburg and on the Washington and East side lines was experienced for four hours. The line came down at 1:55 o'clock and at this time all cars except local were forced to stop. As a result many who were going to Pittsburg in the afternoon were held up and fortunate to get back home. Many who were in Pittsburg tried to come out, but this alike was impossible.

The high tension wire was blown down by some blasting on the public road. As soon as the trouble was learned telephone messages summoned a crew of repair men from Superintendent Jones office in Pittsburg, and they spent the remainder of that afternoon in getting the line in condition. The repairs were completed, and the cars were able to start up at 5:55 o'clock, making an exact four hours delay.

At Library the power house was affected, and those along the Washington suburban line also. While the high tension line was not along the direct route between Charleroi & Pittsburg, the wires were the ones that carried the power for this diversion. Many people were unable to understand the delay in the evening papers. They did not arrive until 7:30 o'clock and the agent, Mr. Micht, was forced to put them out after that. After the cars were started, it was not long until the regular schedule was in effect.

One man who had contemplated taking a trip to Pittsburg yesterday afternoon said that he with a number of others got hung up at Library about 2 o'clock, and they had to stay there until about 6, not being able to get home until after 7 o'clock, thereby losing a half day.

Improvements Well Under Way. The improvements now being installed at the Citsburg mine are so far along that coal could be run over the new tipples within a couple of weeks if the company was in need of the output. When all completed, Citsburg will be capable of producing a large tonnage of black diamonds every day.

5c Lawns at Berryman's.

Tonight and Monday J. W. Berryman and Son will sell all the balance of their big stock of colored lawns and other thin wash goods for 5 cents a yard. Formerly prices 12 1/2 to 25 cents.

The remnant sale continues with a lot of new remnants and other good bargains.

Enjoy May Ride.

A party of young people of Ellsworth enjoyed a hay ride to this place last evening. They had supper here, and spent the evening in town, returning late at night.

The world's best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield Avenue, 3051.

DESMONIA PLACED IN JAIL TO AWAIT A COURT HEARING

No Swearing When
Man Slips on Peeling

Kittanning Burgess Issues Stringent Orders Concerning the Use of Cuss Words.

It is said that when a Kittanning, Pa., man slips on a banana peel here property and behind closed doors to express his feelings or else face arrest. Burgess Harry P. Beatz, in compliance with instructions from council, has notified the borough police to arrest all persons using loud, profane or vulgar language or acting boisterously on the streets. The action follows complaints of citizens.

PRICE OF FLOUR IS JUMPING

Raise of 25c Wholesale as
Result of Western
Moves.

NO CASH WHEAT IS CAUSE

Local bakers and retail grocers will have to pay 25 cents per barrel more for their flour today than yesterday, and households will find a corresponding increase. The flour market has been strong for some days, but Pittsburg jobbers anticipated only a ten point advance and in marking up 25 cents merely followed milling centers' market movements.

For the time being they will have to pay \$7 to \$7.05 per barrel for fancy Minnesota patents, and \$6.25 to \$6.30 per barrel for winter patents, within 5 cents of the highest during the Tattnall wheat corner, generally believed to have died more than a month ago. Wholesalers cannot account for the big advance. They were advised yesterday that the movement is due to the inability of millers to get sufficient cash wheat to meet requirements. The Government report on this season's wheat crop indicates less aggregate than last year, which was bumper. For these reasons flour jobbers of the district claim they do not know why cash wheat should be scarce. They say flour prices are likely to advance further unless cash wheat comes out more liberally on the current advance.

Small Number in Attendance.

There was disappointment among the promoters of the reunion of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment, of Philippine army fame, held at Greensburg yesterday because of the small attendance, but those present were royally entertained. Among the events of the day was a parade.

Basket Picnic.

A party of Charleroi young people had a basket picnic at Eldora Park yesterday afternoon and last evening. The party was composed of about fifteen people. A picnic supper was served and dancing was enjoyed during the evening.

The world's best drink, Barger's Tea and Coffee, 327 Fallowfield Avenue, 3051.

Case Placed for Trial During the Week of August 23.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED

Pasquale Desmonia, the California man, who is charged with having shot and killed two men in a fight at that place on last Tuesday will undergo trial week after next. A true bill was found against him yesterday by the grand jury.

Constable Ansil proved a valuable witness before the grand jury, as did six men who were said to have participated in the drinking fest that ended so fatally. The six men are being held as witnesses. Desmonia was placed in jail yesterday although his wounds were bothering him much.

A true bill was found against Andrew Arrosky, a former banker of Beattleyville, who is charged with embezzlement. There are twelve cases against him.

The charge of assault and battery, robbery and larceny from person against Howard Hall of Charleroi was ignored by the grand jury. Hall was charged with drugging a man by the name of Henry Tarr, and robbing him at this place.

PREPARING FOR RACING EVENTS

Belle Vernon Will this Year
Have Some Interesting
Driving.

PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED

Horsemen throughout Western Pennsylvania are interested in the announcement that a three days' racing card has been arranged for the Belle Vernon race track, on Aug. 25, 26 and 27. There will be three races each day, the purse for the first being \$300 and for the second and third \$400, with the exception of the first day's making the total purses for each day's racing \$1,100. Already the promoters have been assured to a number of entries, no other races being scheduled for that week.

The races will be under the auspices of the Belle Vernon Driving Park association, a member of the American Trotting association, the rules of which society will govern. J. Elliott Cook is president of the association; William Allen of Fayette City, secretary, and William A. Mitchener, treasurer. Entries close on Aug. 19. Records made on and after Aug. 10 are no bar. Following is the program:

Wednesday, Aug. 25—2:30 trot, purse \$300; 2:30 pace, purse \$300; 2:30 trot, purse \$400.

Thursday, Aug. 26—2:23 pace, purse \$300; 2:24 trot, purse \$400; 2:16 pace, purse \$400.

Friday, Aug. 27—2:19 pace, purse \$300; 2:25 trot, purse \$400; free-for-all pace, purse \$400.

Annual Harvest Home.

The farmers of Rostraver township are arranging for their annual Harvest Home picnic to be given at a grove on the Thomas McLain farm, near Smithton on Saturday, August 1. A number of good speakers for the day have been secured, among them being Rev. C. L. E. Cartwright of Pittsburgh.

Outing and Dance.

The social committee of the ladies of the Maccabees of Monessen is arranging for an outing and dance at Eldora Park, Wednesday, August 18. The dancing will be in the afternoon.

Prizes will be given for the best in being distributed, and a good crowd is expected.

Special today and every day, an English Rock tea pot with one pound of Barger's Tea or Baking powder, 327 Fallowfield Avenue.

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COURT MAKES FIRST TEST OF NEW PROBATION LAW IN THIS COUNTY

Judge McIlvaine Grants Petition of John Walker of Canonsburg and Places Prisoner Under Parole.

STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS MADE BY THE COURT

John Walker, who was charged with indecent assault and battery, was discharged yesterday by Judge McIlvaine at Washington on suspended sentence under the provisions of the recent act of assembly known as the adult probation act. This is the first case of the kind in the local courts.

In his application to the court for suspended sentence Walker expressed sorrow for the deed committed and stated that he was much intoxicated at the time. He promised if discharged on probation that he would abstain from intoxicating liquor. The court directed that during his probation Walker, who is again to enter the employ of the Standard Tin Plate Co., at Canonsburg, shall from his earnings deposit in the savings bank of the Citizens Bank of Canonsburg, \$2 every week to the name and credit of David L. Williams, clerk of courts of quarter sessions of Washington county as trustee.

At the end of the year if Walker's conduct shall have proven good he will be entitled to an honorable discharge and his deposit returned to him, but if the court finds that the terms and conditions have been violated, he will be brought back to court and fined \$500.

DONORA MAN ARRESTED CHARGED WITH BEING "PRESIDENT TAFT"

Italian Company
Presents Play

Good Actors Support Antonio
Mariori in "The Blind Woman
of Sorrenti."

"The Blind Woman of Sorrenti," was presented in Italian at the Coyle Theatre last evening by Antonio Mariori, and company of Metropolitan players. The play was well attended, and although presented thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. Sigor Mariori upheld his role with unusual ability and each member of his company ably assisted him. The heart interest of the play was brought out in a thorough manner, and to the Italians of the audience, who understood the words of the speakers, it was an equal of "Othello," presented here recently by the same company.

Frank Howatt at Donora yesterday was taken in tow at his own instance by the police, charged with being "President Taft." The man was absolutely certain that he was the head of the United States, and sought the sheltering arms of the police, he said, that he might be protected from being killed by some anarchist or enemy of the government. He had arms on his person.

The man was arrested on July 1, by William T. Selman at Donora for carrying a gun, and he was sent to St. Francis Hospital, where he spent six weeks. He, in company with his father-in-law, was on his way home to Brownsville, but got off at Donora.

He will be committed to jail and it is likely the county officials will have an investigation made and the man committed to an asylum.

SUNDAY LAST DAY OF CAMPMEETING

AT ELDORA PARK

Under Auspices of St. James
A. M. E. Church of
Charleroi.

The second Sunday of camp meeting at Eldora Park will be Sunday, and an extra good program has been arranged. The camp meeting is under the auspices of St. James A. M. E. church of Charleroi. There will be services morning, afternoon, and evening. From 10:30 until 11 o'clock there will be preaching and at 1 o'clock until 1:20 there will be a special song service. At 1:30, following special music, Rev. C. P. Herington, a noted evangelist will speak. At 4:30 there will be a concert by the Philharmonic Choral Society, which has charge of the music for the occasion. At this time, choruses, quartets, solos etc. will be rendered. Preaching services from 7:30 until 8:30 followed by a special song service.

Cornwall.

John W. Cornwall, 56 years old, of Monessen died yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, after an extended illness. The funeral will be Sunday afternoon with interment in the cemetery at Salem, Ohio, his old home. The deceased is survived by his wife and 8 children. He was a well known man, and when in good health occupied a responsible position at the Page mill, Monessen.

Funeral Services.

The funeral of Miss Alice Katherine Brice, the Aliport girl who was killed on the railroad, Thursday night, will be held from the Aliport M. E. church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. R. Seiter, the pastor.

Mrs. Frank Schreyer is transacting business today in Pittsburg.

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LOCAL FIRM GETS LARGE CONTRACT

Riggs and Williams to Drill
70 Wells for Fairmont
Coal Company.

WE LEAVE NEXT WEEK

The well drilling firm of Riggs and Williams of Charleroi and Monessen have secured a contract for the drilling of 70 wells in Kentucky for the Fairmont Coal company, an affiliated corporation of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke company. Messrs. Riggs and Williams expect to leave next week for Kentucky to begin their work.

The Fairmont Coal company recently secured valuable coal lands in Johnson county, Kentucky, and it is the intention to develop this as soon as possible.

A large number of families are expected there in the near future. The scene of the operations will be in Mills Creek valley. The wells are to be drilled for the benefit of the families which will move to that section.

The Riggs and Williams firm is composed of M. E. Riggs of Charleroi, and William F. Williams of Monessen.

DIES VICTIM OF HIS OWN HAND

Shepler Foreigner Succumbs
to Wounds Made by
Revolver Bullet.

John Dzurinsky 50, years old of Shepler, died at the Monessen-Charleroi hospital last evening at about 8 o'clock as the result of a gun shot wound inflicted by himself on Tuesday morning at his home. The man was a well known foreigner.

It was stated that previous to the man's attempt at self destruction he had been melancholy and refused to pay any attention to his family. It is said he had attempted suicide before.

Shortly before he committed the deed, which ended in his death he had a quarrel with his wife, and tried to kill her. He then went to a separate room, and fired a shot into his chin. The bullet entered the brain. It was at first thought that he would recover, but complications set in it is stated, and his death was the result.

Joke Ends Disastrously.

A valuable show case at Hennings Pharmacy was broken last night through a joke. Several young people were in the store and were preparing to order refreshments. One of the young fellows went to sit down when a girl member of the party pulled the chair out from under him and he went to the floor his head and shoulders protruding through the glass.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Bertrand left today for Toledo, Ohio, where they will spend several days.

Mrs. Dawson's Millinery store will be at her old stand at 602 Fallowfield on Augus 16. The quarters are all remodeled and in better shape than before the fire.

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Aug. 14 In American History.
1809—Park Benjamin, author and editor, born; died 1864.

1870—Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, Federal naval hero of the Civil War, died; born 1801. Farragut had almost reached the retiring age when assigned to the command of a mortar fleet operating against New Orleans, at the close of 1861.

1901—Destructive storm on the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico; heavy loss of life and damage to property in New Orleans.

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Aug. 15 In American History.

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1824—Marquis de Lafayette landed in
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1858—First Atlantic cable message.

1895—General John D. Imboden, famous Confederate cavalryman, died at Abingdon, Va.; born 1821.

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Formaldehyde for Flies.

The London Lancet states that "it is not always possible to trace the origin of illness, but it is easy enough to give valid reasons why the fly can be the introductory agent. Purely medical aspects apart, the fly is not particularly scrupulous as to its environment—it alights at one time on most offensive material and at another it is on the food in the kitchen and at the table. One of the earliest experiments we remember to have seen showing the connection of flies and disease was that in which a common bluebottle was allowed to walk across a piece of freshly sliced potato. The potato subsequently developed colonies of micro-organisms all along the track taken by the fly, while elsewhere no development took place.

The important question remains how best to get rid of the fly. Fly papers and sticky strings are unsightly, and the struggle of a fly to release itself from a sticky substance is not an entertaining spectacle. In our own experience the best exterminating agent is a weak solution of weak formaldehyde in water (say two teaspoonfuls to the pint), and this experience has been confirmed by others. It would appear that flies are attracted by a weak solution of formaldehyde, which they drink. Some die in the water, others get as far only as the immediate vicinity of the plate of water, but all ultimately succumb; and where they occur in large numbers hundreds may be swept up from the floor."

Knowing to know that by this method the flies have died under a dose of fluid which is fatal to disease organisms, a fluid also which is inoffensive and for practical purposes non-poisonous. The method at once provides a means of diminishing the

scourge and of securing to some extent what is most desirable, the disinfection of the stain."

A Prize For Brevity.

"At Yale," replied President Hadley to a visiting clergyman who asked how long it was the custom to preach, "there is a fixed belief that no conversions are made after the first half hour," says the New York World.

It is a good thing to know when to stop talking, either in the pulpit or on the platform. It is easier to bore than to please, as most audiences will testify. The wonder is that so many public speakers are so slow of observation. A good rule might be that long-winded orators who delight in their own voice should be condemned to sit at one another's feet and endure the physical trials they inflict upon others. Perhaps then they would learn to practice self-restraint as an act of mercy. Brevity is rarer than wit, for the professional humorist in public is likely to be tempted to length by applause.

The Rev. J. M. Williams of Pine Village, Ind., is evidently a clear-headed, well-balanced man. For reasons evident to himself he made his sermons short and to the point. He also grew in favor with his congregation. A weaker nature might have presumed upon this popularity and extended sermons ten or twenty minutes on Sundays. But he kept his head. Because people like a good thing does not mean that they want too much of it. Now what is the result? A discerning member of the Rev. Mr. Williams' church presented him with a 60-acre farm in recognition of his abstemiousness of speech after four years of flattering success.

In the light of Pine Valley's experience, why not amend the prevailing practice and effort the rewards of merit to the clever writer or speaker according to the fewness of the words he employs rather than the number? When a dollar a word is held up as the pay of a public character not unspared of speech, the young and the struggling are lured into mistaking violence for force and quantity for quality. What is needed is more Rev. Mr. Williamses, and may they inherit the farms of the earth!

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THE NEW GAME LAWS

Many changes were made in the Pennsylvania game laws at the late session of the state legislature. The principal one that affects Washington and Greene counties is the one relative to the capture of rabbits. For the past few years the open season has been October 15, but under the new law it will not open until November 1, and run until December 15. The season closed December 1 under the old law. There has never been a limit as to the number of rabbits that may be killed in one day until this year and the law fixes the number at ten with a fine of \$10 for every rabbit killed above that number. It will be legal to kill pheasants from October 15 until December 1, a change from October 1. Not more than five may be killed in one day. The open season on quail or bob white is from October 15 until November 15, this time being the same as heretofore in length, but it opens two weeks earlier and a day's limit is 10. The open season on squirrel which has been October 1, has been moved up to October 15 and the number is limited to six in one day. The pine or red squirrel is not protected and may be killed when injury is being done to cultivated crops or trees by the owners of such property and it further provides that game so killed shall not be used for food or for sale, or a fine of \$1 for each rabbit so disposed of shall be inflicted. Sunday hunting is prohibited.

The law that is probably the most frequently violated in Washington and Greene counties is that relating to squirrels. Even as early as the first of July squirrel hunting is carried on quietly and on a trip over the country roads at this time of year one is a most sure to hear the crack of a rifle a number of times and occasionally a shotgun. Of course the hunters are only out looking for groundhogs or ground squirrels, but it is nearly always the pelt of a gray squirrel that is carefully buried in the garden.

Section 27 says: "No person within this commonwealth shall hunt or catch or kill or cause or permit the hunting of hare or rabbits with or through the use of a ferret, under the penalty of \$25 for each ferret, so used and \$25 for each hare or rabbit so taken through the use of or by the aid of a ferret. And the fact that any person shall place a ferret in any hole or opening in the ground outside of building in which a rabbit might be found, or shall be caught in the act of using a ferret in the taking of hare or rabbits, or shall have a ferret in possession or under control in either the fields of the forests or in the highway of this commonwealth, or shall be proven to have used a ferret while hunting, or shall while going hunting or while returning from such a hunt have a ferret either in possession or under control, shall render such person liable to the penalty of \$25 for each ferret had in possession or under control at that time. Any ferret found in the possession or under control of a person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be forfeited to the commonwealth and shall be immediately killed by the officer in whose hands such animal may come."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Getting Ready for a Big Thing

The New York Sunday World is preparing to give each week Six Studio Sketches of Stage Beauties. These pictures are by Archie Gunn, the famous painter of stage people. The first set of six, panel photo size, in bright colors, will be given Sunday, August 22. Next Sunday, August 29, the words and music of "Red Domino" will be given. This two step song is by S. R. Henry, author of the famous Barn Dance, "Down at the Huskin Bee."

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STEALING IN STORES

The Ingenuity That Is Shown by the Woman Thief.

TRICKS OF THE SHOPLIFTER.

The Satchel With a False Bottom and the Slip in the Dress Near the Belt. Some Schemes Successful Because of Their Very Simplicity.

As numerous as they are ingenious are the tricks of the modern shoplifters, declare store detectives. It keeps the detectives busy to "get on" to the devices of the men and women who live by their wits in stealing from stores. For tricks that are eaten few classes of criminals, it is said, approach them.

The method of stealing by using the satchel with a false bottom is one of the cleverest of the tricks. Well disguised, the shoplifter enters a store. Her eyes run over the counters. She perceives the object she wants—usually something small and valuable, sometimes a purse or a cigarette case.

Over the object the shoplifter places her satchel. Pretending to delve into the satchel to extract a purse or handkerchief, the thief lifts a false bottom in the bag, reaches under it, draws inside the desired article, adjusts the false bottom, closes the satchel and walks away.

"But this is only one of many schemes employed," declared a detective the other day. "The women especially are ingenious. Their dress, of course, helps them.

"One of the methods of stealing is for the shoplifter to have a slit in her dress near the belt. As she stands near the counter she can easily seize the article desired. Be it a piece of lace or costly fabric or a bit of jewelry, and slip it into the skirt. The folds of the skirt are voluminous and conceal the thing stolen.

"Some tricks are successful because of their simplicity. A fashionably dressed woman may walk into the clothing department, look over coat suits, pick up one, fold it neatly up, place it under her arm and walk away.

If she is detected she will indignantly deny that she would slit some time before and that she has brought it back to be altered.

"For a woman, her hands glittering with rings and dressed in the latest style, may walk into the store some winter day. She wears only a rich coat of dark fabric.

"In the coat department she will ask to see some for finer coats. Oh she is very particular and tries on one after another. Other customers come up, and the saleslady gets busy with them while madam is trying to suit herself. While the saleslady is turned she puts on one of the richest silk-trimmed coats, turns on her heel and walks away. Perhaps the saleslady may not notice the loss until there is an account of stock.

"Each month from fifty to sixty arrests are made in the average large department store. The detectives must be extremely careful for a false charge would precipitate a suit for damages, which would mean many thousands.

"Certain departments hold special lines for shoplifters. The jewelry department is invariably guarded. When the furs come in we have steins who keep their eyes open for the woman who likes to take a fur to the window to examine it, then running for the door; the woman with the false skirt and the woman who puts a fur on and audaciously walks away."

Although the sales departments and the detective departments work together, there exists between them a spirit of justifiable rivalry. If a detective perceives some one getting away with goods it casts discredit on the person behind the counter from which the goods were stolen. Therefore the sales folk keep an alert watch for shoplifters.

One might imagine that goods are dumped pell-mell on the counters of the big stores. As a matter of fact, the efficient saleslady will have everything so arranged that she will notice the disappearance of an article almost immediately.

If a saleswoman suspects a person she immediately notifies the head detective. If it is a woman, a woman detective is usually put on the job. It is said store managers usually find women more efficient than men.

Few arrests are ever made in the stores, as an arrest gives only undesirable publicity. The detective usually follows suspected persons from the store and arrests him or her outside.

It is said that arrests for shoplifting in New York exceed 3,000 a year. In that city a full description of all shoplifters caught is sent to the Retail Dry Goods association, which in turn distributes the information to the various members.

Only by concerted action and with highly organized staffs of detectives can the stores cope with the ingenious shoplifters.

The detective system of the big stores, however, is now so perfect that it is dangerous to attempt shoplifting. Even the cleverest shoplifter faces a long jail term in the pursuit of her nefarious work.

More than that, if a shoplifter for any reason should escape paying the

HIS LESSON

It Taught Him Just What the Girl Wanted Him to Know.

By ROBERT A. KNOWLES.
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They sat upon the veranda side by side, gazing silently into the soft May moonlight. The air had the haunting sweetness that comes at evening from growing things in their freshness. It was still and dreamily peaceful, a time to sooth human restlessness and human pain.

But it did not soothe Jane. She had been sitting there so quietly all evening that it seemed to her she must jump from the chair, screaming at the top of her voice, in another minute. Under the light shawl she wore she twisted her hands together in an effort to control herself. Yet she continued to stare out at the moonlight as if to behold it were the one thing worth living for.

Rodney was staring out at the moonlight, too. He had been sitting there the stillness; he liked being able to keep silent; he liked to be sitting there beside Jane.

If Rodney had loved her, Jane thought bitterly, he would at least have held her hand. But he did not love her; he only liked her because he had always known her and because she was the one girl with whom he could be perfectly natural. If he wished to be silent with her he was silent; he did not feel it necessary to make the effort to talk. Yet Jane felt sometimes that his dumbness was unendurable. If only he would speak. Evening after evening he came to sit with her in the same way.

Jane had always had hope until tonight. A man who could sit beside a girl—a fairly pretty girl, too—on such a night and not make love to her was certainly as near being without a heart as man could be.

Jane gave him up. And in giving him up she gave up also many of the dreams and of her loneliness, her youth. Slowly her eyes filled with tears. Slowly she forced back the tears and swallowed the choking lump in her throat. But she could not keep back one mocking sigh, and Rodney heard it. He rose instantly, reached out of the hour and apparently of her.

"It taught me to love and appreciate you, dearest," Rodney said solemnly, holding her fast.

Why Lightning Rods Are Pointed.

The reason a lightning rod has a sharp point is because a due point offers no resistance to the discharge of electricity and in order that a cloud may be emptied of it needlessly and harmlessly. The degree of resistance is in proportion to the surface of the object. If the rod were surrounded by a cloud, for instance, the discharge would be violent. But many a lightning rod has received an electrical discharge when the people in the building below were calmly unconscious of the fact. Nonconductive metal is used for the point of the rod, as corrosion reduces resistance. The carbon is between a point and a ball is shown in discharging a battery. The full charge from a large battery would be received quietly on a metal point, while a moderate charge from a small one would explode violently on a ball. It is said that a full charge may be passed harmlessly through a person's body if received in the point of a needle, whereas the same charge received on a discharge with a ball or knob on the end would mean instant death.

A Girl's Way.

It was a sweltering summer afternoon. Algernon sat in the hammock, and Claire occupied a wicker chair. She was very pretty, and Algernon was hopelessly in love with her. He was almost in despair as he sat looking at her, playing with his heart, and knew it.

"Oh, Claire!" he pleaded. "Why are you so cold?"

"I am not, Aigie," she protested.

"You are, Claire," he insisted.

"And I say just as positively that I am not."

"Claire, Claire!" he cried. "How can you say that when you know you have treated me like—"

"Oh," she interrupted, fanning herself fainly meanwhile, "I thought you were talking about the weather. Again—Lippincott."

Servants' Accomplishments.

A Brussels merchant advertised for a servant. One applicant pleased him. The terms and outings were arranged when the girl asked, "Who washes the dishes?" Taken aback, the merchant asked her to repeat her question. The girl did so without turning a hair.

"Madame washes the dishes, and I dry them," replied the merchant. "Can you play the piano?" he asked.

"No," was the reply.

"Then I am afraid you will not suit," said the merchant. The girl retired with a dignified air. With a politeness which is described as exquisite she turned to the merchant and said, "Tomorrow I shall take lessons at the conservatory, and as soon as I begin to make progress I will call again!" This story is certified as authentic—Throne and Country.

Their Size.

Lawyer (to deaf witness)—Do you know the plaintiff's pigs?

Witness—Eh?

Lawyer (raising his voice)—Do you know—plaintiff's pigs?

Witness—Yes.

Lawyer—How long have you known them?

Witness—Eh?

Lawyer (under still)—How long have you known them?

Witness—Fed 'em all last spring.

Lawyer—Were they all about a size?

Witness—Eh?

Lawyer (rises on his feet petulantly and shoves his forefinger at the conclusion of each word at the witness)—Were they all of a size?

Witness—Some ov' em wot, and some ov' em wot—Exchange.

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MR. BAXTER'S ROBBER

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Mr. Benjamin Baxter never forgot that in college he had been the right football, tackle of his time and had pulled stroke out in the first university race in which his college had beaten after a long series of defeats. When as a middle-aged man with a bald head and somewhat pursy stomach he visited Europe he maintained that if any sneak thief, robber or bandit could get away with him he was welcome to do so. This did not satisfy Mrs. Baxter, who dreaded that, in Italy especially, her husband might be kidnapped and held for a ransom.

Mr. Baxter had heard that one of the principal sights of Rome was a visit to the Coliseum by moonlight. One evening while the queen of night was at the full, he proposed, to his wife that they go and view the ruin thus illuminated. Mrs. Baxter refused. "But he persisted."

Leaving his hotel on the Esquiline hill he strolled down a broad thoroughfare and soon stood on a height overlooking the eastern end of the enormous theater of the Caesars. He was surprised to note how immense it looked under the different light. The great pile, or the remaining two-thirds of it, built by slaves 1,900 years ago, where gladiators had fought and Christians had been torn to pieces by wild beasts, rose against the sky like the dark silhouette of a mountain. Going around to the entrance Mr. Baxter went within the walls and saw another sight—the moonlight throwing the upper portions of the interior into contrast with the shadowy lower parts. Many visitors were there, but as the hour was late they gradually departed.

Suddenly Mr. Baxter found himself alone. To go out through the main entrance was to increase the distance to his hotel. There were openings all around the oval, but not lighted. Nevertheless the fearless American intended to make his exit by one of them. It was very dark under the archway through which he passed, especially since that at that moment a cloud rolled over the moon. Suddenly he felt some one brush by him and a hand fly against his face. He had found that the members of the International League of Pickpockets were then working Rome and were used to covering their victims' faces with a newspaper when robbing them, and it flashed upon Mr. Baxter that he was suffering robbery. Clapping his hand to his pocket, he missed the purse which he usually carried there. Throwing his arms around the person who had passed him, he struggled and beat into the arena. There he found that he had a thief.

"Ah, ha!" he cried. "So you thieves resort to the priestly dress to commit your depredations. But you can't fool an American. I'll get my money back or I'll break your back over one of these stone walls."

Then came a volley of words like an explosion of a Garling gun, but since Mr. Baxter knew only two Italian words, "dove sta" (where is), they proved no effect upon him. He felt all over the man's body to find his portmanteau, but found only 16 cestos, or 2 cents. Then, after giving the fellow his opinion of him in English, telling him that he had been very dexterous in passing his plunder to a dark figure whose features were to be heard running away, Mr. Baxter remembered that, after all, there were only a few five-lire bills in the portmanteau. So he gave the thief a sound drubbing and a final kick and started out of the ruin quite pleased that he had lost none of his youthful strength or courage. The only fear he felt was at the possibility of having to appear in court against the robber. On arriving at his hotel he told his adventure to his wife.

"Why, my dear," said that lady, "I have your pocketbook locked in the trunk." Thereupon Mrs. Baxter unlocked the trunk and took out the pocketbook. "Well," said Baxter meditatively, "I downed him anyway." There was a sharp rap at the door. Opening it, there stood two of the national police in swallowtail coats, white cord agüillettes, cocked (Napoleonic hats and swords. Any one could see by the serious expression of their countenances that the dignity of the Italian realm had been offended. Behind them stood a delicate, intellectual-looking priest, wiping scratches on his face and forehead with a bloody handkerchief.

Mr. Baxter, marching between the officers of the law, was taken to the police office, where, summoning his Italian vocabulary, he kept repeating: "Dove sta the Americano consulato?" His plea was finally heard, and he was permitted to write a line to the consul, who came, but whose influence availed nothing but to secure for the American who had committed an infamous priest a fair trial. Baxter was locked up.

The next morning before the time arrived for calling the case the consul visited the priest who had been assaulted, and who proved to be a man of influence. The master was explained to the ecclesiastic, who listened attentively. When the consul had finished, the injured party said:

"Signor Baxter comes from a land where there are a great many devout sons of the church. Whether your explanation is correct or not I do not know, but if the master was a mistake I excuse it; if it was a wanton attack I forgive it."

A cab containing the consul and the priest soon after drove up to the law courts, and Mr. Baxter was released.

FIVE NAMES FILED FOR CONTROLLER

When the time expired for the filing of papers of the candidates for the office of controller at midnight, there were five names in the hands of Chairman R. G. Miller. These were John H. Moffitt of Charleroi, John C. Morgan of Canonsburg, Charles S. Ritchie of Washington, Orion G. Frazee of Donora and B. E. McCracken of Washington. The county committee will meet on Monday when the nomination will be made.

Mrs. George D. Clark of Fifth street is visiting friends in East Liverpool, Ohio this week.

DESPOTS IN THE LAND.

Some Samples of Absolute Rule in the Household.

Americans like to boast of free speech, free press and free everything, while they look with pity on the down-trodden subjects of sultan or czar, but they surely must know that right here in the "land of the free and the home of the brave" we have absolute monarchies ruled by despots.

The good tempered man who must humor every whim of an unreasonable woman knows nothing about a happy home life. It is impossible to love a woman who must be obeyed absolutely, though many wives complacently point to the devotion of their adoring husbands just because those husbands allow them to have their own way in everything.

But there is just as much unhappiness in the home where the husband is the tyrant as where the wife rules. Out in the world some men pass for good citizens and devoted fathers and husbands, but the home folks could tell a different story. There are women living in luxury who never have a penny to call their own and who have to resort to all sorts of trickery to obtain things they want. It isn't enough that a woman has plenty to eat and fine clothes to wear, no matter what some husbands think on the subject. And it isn't only money that makes domestic happiness. Some husbands are so made up that they cannot be easy unless they "manage" every detail of the housekeeping and make everything conform to their pleasure.

The precept of old pronounced a woe upon the nation whose ruler was a czar, but if he lived in these days childless despots would be too numerous to attract special attention most likely. Of course parents are to blame, and no one could possibly like the pert, saucy children who make slaves of their fathers and mothers. The forward, upstart children lay down the law as easily as any monarch issues decrees. The mother who does without clothes to gorgeously attire her daughter is heaping up trouble for herself as sure as anything.

There are people who are such slaves to the demands of society that they do not have enough to eat in order to spend the money on dress and entertaining, and if they do not lead a life of slavery then no one does. To be ruled by what people will say is another form of servitude, says an exchange, and yet in some homes that is the only recognized law.

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DIET FOR THE FAT.

Sugar and Starchy Foods to Be Avoided—Juicy Vegetables and Water.

It is popularly believed that all fat persons are gross feeders, but this is not true. Indeed, the reverse is often the case. Obesity may be disease, or, rather, a prominent symptom of one, the trouble being with the internal chemistry of nutrition—a disease of metabolism, as it is called. It is comparable to diabetes—nearly related to it, in fact. In this disease sugar is formed in excess in the system even when very little is taken with the food, and so in obesity there is a tendency to the formation of fat in the body, even if little fat forming food is eaten. In most cases much can be done by a regulation of the diet.

The amount of meat should not be increased, but the quantity of sugar and starchy foods should be reduced, their place being taken by nonstarchy vegetables, such as spinach, cauliflower and salads. The foods to be avoided or taken in great moderation are those which contain much starch, such as rice and potatoes and all sweets—pies, puddings and candy. Tea and coffee should be taken without sugar if taken at all, and chocolate should be omitted entirely.

Bread is fattening, but for most persons it seems an indispensable article of diet. Its amount can, however, be limited, and it should be toasted.

Fats are less harmful than sugar and starch and may be allowed in moderation in the form of butter and salad oil.

The belief that the drinking of water makes fat is erroneous. If one eats juicy vegetables and especially the less sweet fruits, such as apples and grapefruit, and abandons the use of sugar, there will be a natural reduction in the amount of water taken.

One day Edna Travers told him that she had just received Jane's picture and she looked "dandy." Jane had also written to say she had three strings to her bow.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

AT THE CHURCHES

Christian

Bible school 9:45 a. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. 6:45 p. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The sermon subjects will be: "Why have the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day?" evening "The Rock of Ages."

Baptist

Sunday school 9:45. On account of the death of Mrs. Kerr, Rev. Kerr has asked Rev. J. H. Palmer to occupy the pulpit of the Washington avenue church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., so there will be no preaching in the Baptist church, but all who usually attend the services are invited to the Washington avenue church. J. H. Palmer, pastor.

Methodist

Sunday school 9:30. Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. C. Burnsworth of Sharpsburg. Junior League at 2 p. m. Men's League at 3 p. m.; Epworth League 6:45 p. m. No evening preaching service.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11 o'clock, by Rev. Brewer. Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock—Pilgrim's Progress series—Miss Helen Woodhall, reader. Sunday August 22, Rev. S. S. Gilson, of Pittsburg will speak.

Washington Ave. Presbyterian

Rev. J. H. Palmer pastor of the Baptist church will have charge of the services. Other services as usual.

In Many Races.

Wylie Michaels of Monessen, who took first prize in the 100 yard dash in the Pittsburg Press meet is booked to run in many races. Among these are races at West View Park, Forbes Field, Pittsburg, and Madison Square Garden, New York.

Monessen Wins Prize.

The Monessen and North Charleroi fire departments have returned from Beaver Falls where they attended the firemen's convention which has been in session during the past few days. Monessen won a coveted honor when they took the prize from the Rochester department in a water battle.

FOR SALE

\$15,000 Brick hotel of 42 rooms in Monessen river and ground opportunity for license.

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